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system in Nebraska for all-terrain vehicles and minibikes, otherwise known as dirt bikes and off-road motorcycles. The idea of this legislation was brought to me by people who were concerned about the increase in theft of these vehicles. They are easy to load into the back of a pickup and take off down the road with. And I believe that titling them would aid in the recovery of stolen vehicles. If this is enacted, it would require new...or, it would require ATVs and minibikes manufactured after January 1, 2004, to be titled with the Department of Motor Vehicles. ATVs that were manufactured before this date could also be titled if the owner so desired, with proof of proper ownership. But there's no requirement in this bill that that would need to be done. The titling process would be the same as titling a motor vehicle. The cost of the original certificate is \$10; \$4 goes to the DMV cash fund, \$3.25 to the county, \$2.00 to the state General Fund, 20 cents to the Attorney General for ATV and minibike consumer protection, and 55 cents to the State Patrol cash fund. Replacement certificates would cost \$14, and there's a \$7 fee for every lien that is on a vehicle. And an inspection has to be performed to make sure that the VIN number corresponds with that on the title. And that inspection cost is \$10, the same as for a licensed motor vehicle. Be administrated at the county level by the county official designated by the county board, which is usually the county clerk, or the person that takes care of licensed vehicle titles. There's one concern that people have about this bill. And I think that people might think that if they're titled, they could be driven on roads. And this is not the case. LB 333 specifies that a title to an ATV and off-road minibikes could not be registered for road use. And failure to cooperate with this bill, this requirement, would be a Class III misdemeanor. And we have also, in the bill, changed just slightly the definition of an ATV, as it compares with current law. The benefits of this bill would be that it would be easier to recover a stolen vehicle. The titles would be in the database of the DMV. And the more states we have involved in titling vehicles, the better it would be to stop the theft of them. An example would be, recently I heard of a situation where a man in Texas was approached to buy a used vehicle. And it was not accompanied by a title, and Texas has an ATV titling law. And so that raised his suspicion. He contacted the